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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

VIA: Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Administrative Office, NIC

FROM: MG Stephen E. Nichols, USA
National Intelligence Officer for
General Purpose Forces

SUBJECT: Briefing of CNO's Strategic Studies Group

1. The CNO has a Strategic Studies Group (SSG) composed of front running O6's of the Navy and Marine Corp who study specific areas of maritime interest for a year under the auspices of the Center for Naval Warfare Studies at Newport, Rhode Island. At the end of the year, they provide a report to the CNO advising him of recommended changes in US Naval and combined arms strategy for the next decade. Some years ago, Harry Rowen offered to provide NIC briefings to the SSG on intelligence assessments so that they could begin their year with a firm background in the intelligence aspects of their field of research. In most of the past few years, NIC personnel and selected analysts have provided this service to the SSG.

2. This year the CNO has requested the SSG to focus on Soviet activities in the Third World with an emphasis on maritime interests. The SSG has requested briefings on:

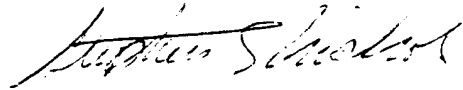
- Soviet global military reach;
- Soviet foreign military assistance;
- Soviet policies in the Third World.

3. The SSG is available for briefings on 17 September and [redacted] of the NIC/AG and [redacted] will be available to provide briefings on the first two topics. Although neither Fritz nor Steve will be available from NIO/USSR for this session, D/SOVA has kindly offered [redacted] to cover the third topic, Soviet policies in the Third World.

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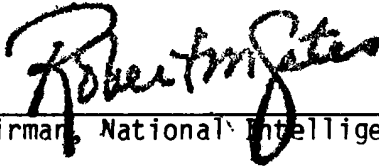
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4. Request permission for the above mentioned personnel to travel to Newport to provide this service to the SSG.



Stephen E. Nichols

APPROVAL:



Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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